

PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

January 6, 2021

The Calumet County Protection of Persons and Property (PPP) Committee meeting was called to order by Chairperson Pete Stier on January 6, 2021, at 8:30 AM. Chairperson Stier asked that Sheriff Wiegert run the meeting.

Members Present: Supervisors Peter Stier, Alice Connors, Joe Mueller, Marilyn Schuh, and Kenneth Irwin
(via WebEx)

Staff Present: Sheriff Mark Wiegert, Chief Deputy Brett Bowe, and Lt. Eric Volland

Others Present: None

A motion was made by Connors, seconded by Schuh, to approve the Second Amended Agenda for the 01/06/21 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mueller, seconded by Connors, to approve the Minutes of the 10/20/20 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Report of Committee Members: None

Communications: None

Report of Departments:

A. Sheriff:

- 1) Construction Update. Sheriff Wiegert provided a law enforcement center construction update. As of January, the roof is watertight and the metal edging is supposed to be finished by the end of January, 95% of the steel studs are framed up in the office area, 60% of the drywall with areas ready to be painted done, 10% of masonry walls painted, walk-in refrigerator, walk-in freezer, and exhaust hood in jail kitchen installed, data wiring will be starting this month, 95% of exterior brick is finished, 75% of detention frames installed, and plumbing rough-ins to be completely done by end of January. Starting the week of January 11, 2021, construction to start in the existing courthouse by the judges and circuit court area.

- 2) COVID Update. Sheriff Wiegert noted approximately seven people from the sheriff's office have been infected with COVID, but this has not affected operations too much. There have been no positive cases amongst the jail inmates. The department has been able to acquire the antigen quick test and this is used for employees and inmates. Sheriff Wiegert noted the timeline for sheriff's office employees to receive the COVID vaccine would be February, as the State deemed law enforcement and corrections in the 1B level.
- 3) Hiring Update/Promotion Update. Currently there are three road deputies in the FTO program, with two completing their training near the end of January and one sometime in February. There is one more position to fill, which is the fourth Harrison position, and someone will be promoting out of the jail to fill that position, which is scheduled to occur in March.

Will be interviewing next week for a correctional officer. Will be posting for the two new female correctional officer positions, with hiring to occur in March.

Deputy Kenneth Matuszak has been selected as the new K-9 officer. Deputy Matuszak will be in training in Dodge County for five weeks, starting next Monday. Alek is the new K-9 dog, a Belgian Malinois.

In June will be looking to fill a new sergeant's position.

Special Inv. Jake Menzel and Deputy Dan Kucharski have been promoted to Sergeant Investigators. In February, Deputy Jacob Klug will fill the MEG Unit position.

Three people have been selected to fill the open Evidence Technician position duties. Their training will start in January.

- 4) Investigators' Report. Sheriff Wiegert indicated complaints assigned to the investigators were up slightly in 2020, along with hours worked and overtime hours. The clearance rates were also up. Sheriff Wiegert noted court hours were down substantially and one of the reasons was attributed to the COVID crisis and court being put off or delayed.

B. Lieutenant (Patrol)

- 1) 2020 Patrol Report. Lt. Voland gave a summary of patrol activity for 2020. Lt. Voland noted the total calls for service in 2020 were 12,611, which was down from 2019. Accidents, traffic stops, and reckless driving complaints were down, however, disturbances and fraud complaints, along with thefts, were up. There were five fatal traffic crashes in 2020. Lt. Voland indicated because of COVID, self-initiated activity was limited to only situations that needed to be dealt with.

C. Chief Deputy (Jail)

- 1) Discussion and Possible Action on Jail Fees. The annual review of the List of Inmate Charges was conducted. A recommendation was made to leave the jail fees where they were at and to re-evaluate next year when we move into the new jail.
- 2) Jail Report. Chief Deputy Bowe indicated the current jail population was at 25 inmates. Of the 25 inmates, 7 were in quarantine for a minimum of 14 days, and 11 or 12 were in the Huber Dorm, which is being utilized for lock-up. There are 12 inmates being housed out in other jurisdictions, and there are 27 on GPS. Chief Deputy Bow noted the State is reimbursing the jail for prison inmates because the prisons are not accepting them at this time.
- 3) Chief Deputy Bowe reviewed the contract numbers for Sherwood, Stockbridge and Hilbert in 2020. It was noted the total number of hours contracted was up, as well as the number of complaints handled.

The next meeting is scheduled for 02/03/21, or as needed.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Stier at 9:13 AM.

Unapproved minutes.

Calumet County Sheriff's Office

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